

REMARKS

In a final office action dated January 11, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 6-15 and 17-19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Steinberg et al. (US Patent 6,433,818) in view of Matsumoto et al (US Patent 6, 590,608). Claims 1-5 were allowed.

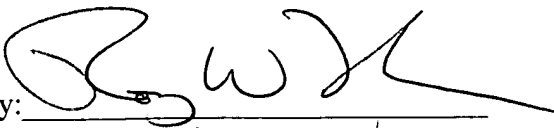
Applicants have amended rejected claim 6 to make it dependent from allowed claim 1. As amended, claim 6 includes all the limitations of allowed claim 1, and is therefore patentable. Claim 19 is dependent from claim 6, and patentable for the same reason.

The remaining rejected claims (claims 7-15 and 17-18) have been cancelled, and the rejection thereof is moot.

In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all claims. In addition, the Examiner is encouraged to contact applicants' attorney by telephone if there are outstanding issues left to be resolved to place this case in condition for allowance.

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